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REMARKS

1. From 6 to 22 November 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Highway No 87, 1 km southwest of Leipzig-Schoenau, was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. On 5, 9 and 11 November, 1 T-34 tank, 1 SP gun, 6 T-34/85 tanks, and 1 JS tank were seen.

From 6 to 13 November, about 64 troops were seen in the barracks yard, 24 officers marched to a hill opposite the installation, and about 150 troops were at the barracks gate.

2. From 25 November to 5 December, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick, southeast of Torgauer Strasse, was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. After nightfall, 75 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted. On 4 November, a company fell in in between two barracks buildings. On 5 November, 2 T-34 tanks were seen in the barracks installation.

3. On 4 December, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 800 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 18 November, 4 tanks were seen in a garage, and 30 to 35 vehicles of various types were in front of the motor vehicle garages. On 18 November, about 150 troops received training in firing in the installation. On 27 November, about 60 troops entered the installation, coming from the direction of Tauchau.

4. On 4 December, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 1,800 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. All barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. On 14 November, about 250 to 300 troops were being trained at squad level and about 25 to 30 trucks were in the installation.

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5. On 22 November, a sentry wearing blue-bordered black epaulets was seen in the Hindenburg Kaserne north of Danziger Strasse, west of the northern part of Franz Mehring Strasse. About 100 troops at basic drill and 12 trucks lined up for an inspection were seen in the barracks area. At about 5 p.m., 25 troops left the installation toward the central hospital.

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6. On 6 December, the Train Kaserne west of Olbricht Strasse and south of the ration supply depot was occupied by about 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 20 November, several trucks were being maintained in the installation.

7. On 6 December, the Treitschke Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops. Sentries observed wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. All barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. On 20 November, about 100 to 120 troops received basic training in the barracks area.

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8. On 6 December, the Flak Kaserne in Schoenau was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. About 90 to 95 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. From 1 to 3 December, about 250 to 300 troops were at combat practice in the training area south of the installation, 30 men engaged in entrenching work and 18 men entered the installation.

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9. On 6 December, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 50 percent of the barracks buildings were lighted after sunset.

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11. In mid-November, officers assigned to the central komendatura in Leipzig included:

<u>Rank and Name</u>	<u>Function</u>
Brigadier General Dombrovki (fnu)	General supervision, political liaison officer to the SCC
Colonel Yaguchenko (fnu)	In charge of industrial production
Major Aleksandrov (fnu)	In charge of armament industry
Captain Groztsbogin (fnu)	In charge of ration supplies and storage
Captain Viasnoshki (fnu)	In charge of general affairs relating to troop units
Senior Lieutenant Chistyakov (fnu)	In charge of finances
Senior Lieutenant Beriyanov (fnu)	In charge of finances
Senior Lieutenant Grasznogol (fnu)	In charge of clothing
Lieutenant Mikhailov (fnu)	Adjutant
Lieutenant Karagulin (fnu)	} Assistants the above mentioned officers
Lieutenant Alyulov (fnu)	
Junior Lieutenant Miershlenk (fnu)	
Junior Lieutenant Kankrasov (fnu)	
Junior Lieutenant Metzlief (fnu)	
Junior Lieutenant Zorzborin (fnu)	

1.   Comment. According to the strength figures of 1,200 to 1,800 troops reported   the two regiments can be carried in the installation as previously. The 94th RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps is vaguely confirmed   The tanks observed   should belong to the 19th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div. However, as several different types were observed, they may belong to the unidentified tank training battalion of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which however, is carried in the Heiterblick Kaserne.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The present report adds no new information to the assumption that the 21st Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div is stationed in Grimma rather than in the Heiterblick Kaserne its previous location.

3. [redacted] Comment. It appears that no major changes have occurred in the occupation of the Treitschke Kaserne. [redacted]

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] unidentified Trans Bn of the 8th Gds Mecz Div in Leipzig until 29 October 1951;

[redacted] 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div in Wurzen until 30 June 1952;

[redacted] central hospital in Leipzig-Gohlis;

[redacted] unidentified tank training battalion of the 8th Gds Mecz Div in Leipzig;

[redacted] 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, probably stationed in Borna;

[redacted] in World War II, was assigned to the 129th Tank Brig of the 60th Army. It is believed that the brigade, reorganized into a tank regiment, now is assigned to a mechanized division in the White Russian MD, which was activated from this brigade and a rifle division.

[redacted] 68th Gds Tank Bn of the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Wurzen until 24 August 1952.

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